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Dear Miami County Taxpayer:

Taxpayers in Miami County will once again experience a delay in receiving their property tax statements for 2006 taxes payable in 2007. The statutory due dates for payment of property taxes in Indiana are May 10 and November 10. However, this year the property tax billing and collection process cannot commence until the assessment of property and certification of new assessed valuations have been completed by the county assessor and county auditor.

Indiana taxpayers must have their tax statements at least fifteen (15) days before the due date for the first installment of taxes. Considering the current delays in commencing the process, and the time needed to prepare the tax statements, it is the intent of the county auditor and the county treasurer to have a due date no later than September 2007 for the first installment of taxes and November 13, 2007 for the second installment of taxes. If a due date as late as September 2007 is established, you will receive your tax statements in late August. I want to emphasize, however, that if the county assessor does not complete the assessment of real property until later this spring, our office may have to consider one due date in November for both tax installments.

All units of government will be affected by the delay in property tax collections. This delay may result in the need to borrow money at higher levels to fund their operations. The cost of borrowing funds is eventually passed on to the taxpayer. Therefore, to alleviate those additional costs and to help the units of government fund their operations, the public officials in Miami County are **respectfully requesting taxpayers to consider making payments in advance of receiving their tax statements.**

The Miami County Treasurer's Office will receive any payment the taxpayer wants to make toward the first installment of their 2006 payable 2007 property tax obligation. The amount paid will be applied to the taxpayer's account as an "advance payment". As soon as 2007 tax rates are approved and the tax charges are applied by the county auditor, based on those rates, if the amount you paid is more than the first installment tax liability, the balance will be applied to the second installment of property taxes. If the amount you paid is less than the first installment tax liability, your tax statement will reflect the difference in what you paid in advance and what is actually charged for the first installment.

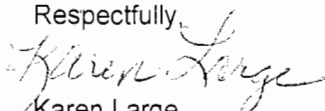
The action we are asking you to take is voluntary. All of us depend on the services that the various units of government provide whether it is schools, county, city and towns, townships, or libraries. If you can help by making an advance payment of your 2006 payable 2007 taxes, it will be very much appreciated.

If you wish to make an advance payment, please remit to:

Miami County Treasurer
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If you know your property tax parcel number, please write it on your check. Also, include a stamped self-addressed envelope if you want us to return a receipt for payment. For more information, please call 472-3901 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and ask for the Miami County Treasurer's Office.

Respectfully,


Karen Large
Miami County Treasurer


Brenda Weaver
Miami County Auditor


Nancy Hardwick-Gates
Miami County Assessor